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SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING  
APPARATUS, AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Sir:

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Japanese patent document number 5-66733 (B2) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,616,683, No. 4,534,389, and No. 4,532,970. This document is discussed in the subject specification on page 5 at line 12.

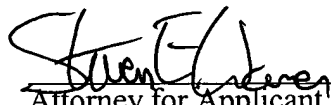
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Respectfully submitted,

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		5-66733	09/22/1993	Japan			Abstract*
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